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1291. The gross working expenses of the Department, including the provision in respect of interest on capital depreciation and other adjustments, was estimated at Rs. 498·37 lakhs, thus leaving a net balance of 64·12 lakhs for the year.

1292. The relation between the Employees and the Administration was satisfactory during the year.

(ii) Motor Vehicles Department.

Licensing of Drivers and Conductors.

1293. The District Superintendents of the erstwhile Mysore State continued to be the Licensing Officers while the Regional Transport Officers of the integrated areas viz., Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad and Coorg Karnatak, continued to be the Licensing Officers in those areas, since the Motor Vehicles Rules prevalent in those areas continued to be in force during the year.

Driving Licensees.

1294. A total number of 11,137 driving licenses were either issued or renewed during the year out of which 4,597 relate to those authorised to drive as paid employees A sum of Rs. 2,05,943—65 (Rs. 1,71,329—27) was collected during the year towards Driving License fees.

Conductors passes.

1295. Six thousand and fifty-five Conductors' passes were issued or renewed during the year.

1296. The Regional Transport Officers continued to be the Registering Authorities in respect of their regions

1297. Five thousand eight hundred and sixty-one vehicles were registered or re-registered during the year and a sum of Rs. 99,972—90 was realised during the year.

Convictions.

1298. The total number of convictions obtained by Police under Sections 112 to 127 of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Act during the year was 52,338.

Fitness Certificates.

1299. The number of Fitness Certificates issued was 15,029 (15,708).

Accidents

1300. The total number of convictions under the I.P.C. in relation to Motor Vehicles offences was 961 during the year, 92 cases related to section 304 (a) of the I. P. C. which relate to rash and negligent driving resulting in death or serious injuries.

Collection.

1301. The total amount of tax collected in respect of Motor Vehicles under all Heads amounted to Rs. 3,12,91,265—41 (Rs. 2,68,23,128—79).

1302. The amount of penalty collected for the belated payment of tax on Motor Vehicles as per Taxation Act and Rules during the year was Rs. 52,483—08. Penalty.

1303. During the year 107 permits were suspended and 227 were cancelled.

1304. Permits were issued or renewed during the year as follows :—

1. for operation of stage-carriages ;

2. for contract carriages other than cabs mainly for the Transport requirements of Industrial Undertakings, and Educational Institutions ;

3. for taxies, especially Baby taxies and Autorickshaws were liberally issued in Bangalore City ;

4. permits for private carriers were also liberally issued and restrictions on the area of plying was generally relaxed;

5. for public carriers to ply on inter-regional routes taking into consideration the needs and interests of Regions, need for additional transport and condition of roads.

1305. The total number of pucca permits issued in respect of all categories of vehicles at the end of the year was 10,739 and the number of temporary permits issued was 12,197.

1306. The Inter-State agreements were finalised between Mysore and Bombay, Mysore and Kerala and Mysore and Andhra Pradesh States. As a result of these agreements, levy of single point taxation on transport vehicles plying between Mysore and Kerala and Mysore and Andhra Pradesh on pucca permits were adopted. In the case of Mysore and Bombay, levy of single point tax in respect of stage-carriages and level point tax in respect of Goods Vehicles was adopted.

1307. Several measures have been taken to promote Tourism in the State. Rules for the grant of special (Tourist) permits were framed and Notifications exempting tax for tourist vehicles registered in one State and plying in the neighbouring States of Kerala, Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Bombay and Orissa were issued by all the six Governments on a reciprocal basis. Tourism.